



Ranger Walks & Talks Event Calendar

August 18 - 22, 2016

NPS/USFS Roving Rangers



Thursday, August 18th

- **Guided Historic Walk in South-side Flagstaff, Thursday, August 18**

8:30-10:30am. **The Heart of Flagstaff.** Join in a walk on the south-side of the tracks, the heart of Flagstaff in the early days. Hear stories of some of the first settlers and buildings in this 3-mile walk. Meet at the Mountain Line Bus Terminal on Phoenix Ave.

- **Guided Nature Walk in Beautiful Bonito Meadow, Thursday, August 18**

10-11:30am. **Bonito Meadow Walk.** Come discover Bonito Meadow on an easy 2 mile, off-trail ramble. This hike is approximately 1.5 hours and takes place off-trail through uneven and brushy terrain. It's recommended to wear long pants and sturdy shoes. Head North on Hwy 89 and turn right onto the Sunset Crater Road. Drive 0.8 miles and meet at the gravel parking lot on the right side of road.

Friday, August 19th

- **Guided Nature Walk at O'Leary Volcano, Friday, August 19**

10-11:30am. **Lower O'Leary Hike.** Join in a beautiful ramble up the lower elevations of O'Leary Peak. The walk is easy, level walking, and approximately 2 miles round trip. Meet at the O'Leary trailhead. Take H-89 north out of Flagstaff, turn right on Sunset Crater Rd. and drive 1.8 miles, turn left for the O'Leary Campground and park at the trailhead just past the turn for the O'Leary campsite.

- **Evening Program at Bonito Campground, Friday, August 19**

8-8:45 pm. **Hummingbirds of Arizona.** Learn about the tiniest bird in North America and a personal encounter in nature with a broad-tailed hummingbird. Meet volunteer Ranger Rick Ruess at the campground amphitheater.

Saturday, August 20th

- **Wildlife Watching at the North Mormon Lake Overlook, Saturday, August 20**

3-4 pm. The marsh filled basin of Mormon Lake attracts herds of elk grazing and cooling off on hot summer days. Cliffs below the overlook create updrafts for soaring raptors. Join Ranger Zack Zdinak - and his spotting scope - to look for these animals and what makes this area great wildlife habitat.

- **Guided Nature Walk at Dairy Springs Campground, Saturday, August 20**

3-3:45pm. A fun 45-minute (1/3 mile stroll) family **nature walk** along the Dairy Springs Loop Trail with Ranger Richard McGaugh. No dogs please. Meet at the Amphitheater.

- **Evening Program at Pine Grove Campground, Saturday, August 20**

8-8:45pm. **"HOO-HOO Goes There?"** Many of our local wildlife are more active between sunset and sunrise, and they can be noisy. Tonight we will explore the sounds of the forest. You will learn who makes those weird, spooky noises that you may hear around the campground and elsewhere on the Colorado Plateau. Join Ranger Zack Zdinak for an introduction to your nightly forest neighbors.

- **Evening Program at Bonito Campground, Saturday, August 20**

8-9pm. **The Wonders of Our Galaxy.** Come take a look at the wonders of our galaxy you can see in the night sky. Bring your eagle eyes or binoculars if you have them. This talk is about 45 minutes and will teach you how to look for and find the wonders of our universe! Meet volunteer ranger and astronomer Pat Benson at the campground amphitheater.

Sunday, August 21st

- **Guided Nature Walk at Kelly Canyon, Sunday, August 21**

9am-12noon. **Kelly Canyon Hike.** Volunteer rangers Wade and Ruess lead this idyllic walk through a deep-forested canyon with spring-fed pools and tall trees. Go south on 89A past Forest Highlands; turn left on FR 237 after MP 392. Drive 1.5 miles to Pumphouse Wash crossing. Bring poles, water, good shoes. Moderate 4.0 miles. Call 928-637-5175 for more information.

Monday, August 22nd

- **Guided Nature Walk at the Lomaki Pueblo, Monday, August 22**

10-11am. **Ancient Peoples.** Join volunteer Rangers Jeff and Donna Cooney, on an easy 1/2 mile round-trip walk to explore an ancient pueblo built along a small canyon. Meet at the trailhead for Lomaki/Box Canyon Pueblo in Wupatki National Monument. Drive north on H-89 and take the Sunset Crater Loop Road (Forest Service Rd. 545). This road can be accessed near milepost 430 & milepost 444.

Arizona Snowbowl

- **Friday, August 19th through Sunday, August 21st**

10:00 am-4:00 pm. **Ranger Talks with the Roving Rangers atop the Scenic Chairlift Ride.** The grandest view in the Southwest at 11,500 feet elevation. Arizona Snowbowl Chairlift fees apply. For more information call 928-779-1951 or visit: www.arizonasnowbowl.com. Open every day.